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MEMORANDUM TO: Chief, Manufacturing and Services Division, OMB

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THROUGH : Chief, Requirements Branch, Reconnaissance Group, CCB

FROM : Chief, CIA PID (NPEC)

SUBJECT : Sino-Burma Border Road Study

REFERENCE : ( ) OMB Requirement No. C-224-61,305  
( ) CIA PID Project No. C 704-64

1. This memorandum is in answer to the above referenced requirement which requested a cooperative study on the construction and condition of the roads leading to, paralleling and crossing the Sino-Burma Border.

2. Only two roads were observed crossing the Sino-Burma border. One crossing is the well known Burma road at the town of Wen-ting (24°05'N - 98°04'E). The second crossing is at Ta-lo (21°41'N - 100°02'E). This second road is a single-lane improved road in China but deteriorates into a single-lane unimproved road and then a trail as it proceeds into Burma. Enclosed annotated maps CIA PID IB-P-1027-64 thru P-1027/64 delineate all roads referenced in this memorandum.

3. There are ten Chinese roads that lead toward the Burma border. These roads are all single-lane. They end at the following Chinese towns: Han-sheng (21°05'N - 100°24'E), Ho-yang (22°11'N - 99°13'E), Ho-shang (22°47'N - 99°24'E), Ho-neng (23°07'N - 99°02'E), Yun-ao (23°23'N - 99°02'E), Han-kang (24°28'N - 97°43'E), Hou-ch'iao (25°23'N - 96°12'E), Shih-pai (25°33'N - 96°24'E), Tsu-chu-pa (25°04'N - 96°44'E) and Tsu-t'ang (25°37'N - 96°40'E).

4. Three sections of the Sino-Burma border are paralleled by Chinese roads. The longest border paralleling road runs from Ch'e-li (21°58'N - 100°49'E) to Keng-ze (22°02'N - 100°14'E) via the towns of Han-chiao (22°01'N - 100°15'E), Meng-ang (22°04'N - 100°15'E) and Hsiang-meng-yun (22°07'N - 99°47'E). The border

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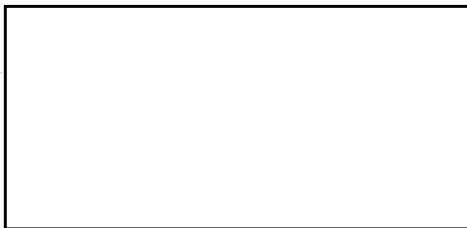
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is paralleled by another road network from Hsu-p'eng-tai (24°30'N - 97°44'E) to Lai-yin (24°00'N - 97°44'E) via Han-liang (24°02'N - 97°55'E). The road from Li-shui (25°11'N - 97°42'E) to Chi-chi-leo (26°32'N - 96°56'E) is the last section of road which parallels the Sino-Burma border.

6. No significant construction was observed in the area of Yunnan Province studied for this project. At the following five areas it seems that road construction has recently been abandoned: the road north of Ching-sh'ang (22°35'N - 99°11'E), the road south and east of Chang-wai (22°33'N - 99°18'E), the two road segments north of Hsi-tzu-chai (24°11'N - 96°54'E), the road under construction east of Shihri (24°17'N - 96°07'E) and the road south of T'ien-chi-ch'ang (23°01'N - 97°50'E). Roads paralleling the Burma border south of Hsiao-sh'ang were in the late stages of construction in [redacted] but [redacted] were completed before [redacted]. Construction activity on the bridges north of Ch'ien-shi (22°25'N - 100°50'E), and the road from Hsiang-shi-shan (23°01'N - 96°50'E) was still active in [redacted].

7. The following TALENT missions were used for this study:



The following TALENT-KEYHOLE mission was used for this study:



The AMI map sheet from series 1500, 1509, and 1542 were used for the town names and geographic coordinates.

8. The analysts on this project were [redacted] who may be contacted on extension 2746, should you have any questions concerning this project. This is considered a complete answer to the requirement.

Enclosures:

- 1 - Insulated Top Secret Eye  
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